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Capitol Heights Man Pleads Guilty to iPhone Thefts

A 20-year old Capitol Heights man has pleaded guilty to the theft of almost \$3100 worth of iPhones and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. Kalil Jamal Enge of the 1200 block of Benning Rd. pleaded guilty in Howard County Circuit Court this morning.

County police were dispatched to the apple store at The Mall in Columbia on Monday, May 30, 2016 for a late-reported theft of 12 iPhone 6S smart phones. Surveillance video from the previous day showed two suspects walk to the rear counter of the store. One suspect stood in front of the counter inspecting merchandise while the second suspect, later identified as Enge, went behind the counter, opened a drawer and removed a dozen of what the store called "replacement service phones." The phones were concealed in a satchel and the two exited the store shortly after 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

Howard County Assistant State's Attorney Natasha Blount told the court that the theft was part of a "huge ongoing problem up and down the east coast for (these) Apple stores." Security personnel from the apple store had identified Enge based on photo and video from previous thefts. Byus told the court that the Howard County theft was Enge's fourth theft offense since 2015.

Enge apologized to the court but at the conclusion of the hearing Judge Timothy J. McCrone sentenced Enge to 18 months in jail, suspending all but 90 days. He also placed Enge on three years of supervised probation upon release, ordered him to complete 20 hours of community service and entered a judgment of restitution for \$3,099.

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